

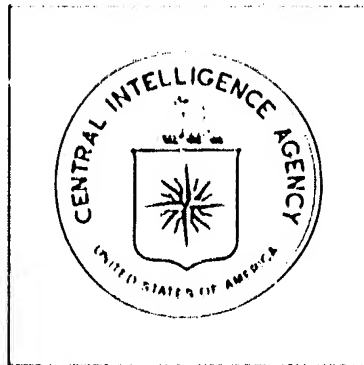
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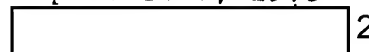
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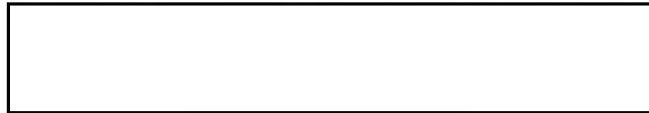


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Differences Continue on Polish -
West German Accord

Warsaw and Bonn have still not resolved the differences in their interpretations of the Schmidt-Gierek agreements reached last month in Helsinki.

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The Polish media have hinted that additional reparations payments may be demanded and have flatly asserted that ethnic Germans who move from Poland to East Germany will be counted against the agreed emigration quota of 120,000.

A Polish official--possibly Deputy Foreign Minister Trepczynski--reportedly tried to explain away the continuing discussion of the reparations question by saying that the issue is settled as far as his government is concerned, but for political reasons Warsaw cannot foreclose the possibility of future "individual or unofficial claims for indemnification."

West German government leaders are reportedly concerned about the possible adverse political impact if West German funds are to be used to facilitate emigration from Poland to East Germany. They feel that Bonn would appear to have been duped by Warsaw into paying to allow ethnic Germans "to exchange one totalitarian system for another."

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Romania - Portugal: Bucharest Still
Angling for a Ceausescu Visit

Bucharest is intensifying its efforts to stake out a role for President Ceausescu as a mediator in the Portuguese crisis.

Stefan Andrei, the Romanian party's secretary for foreign relations and a close personal adviser to Ceausescu, made a sudden unannounced trip to Lisbon early this week. He reportedly met with Socialist leader Mario Soares for discussions of party affairs and the "political, economic, and social situations in both countries."

Andrei also met with Communist party chief Cunha to deliver a personal message from Ceausescu wishing the Portuguese party "fresh successes" in its struggle. At the same time, however, Andrei reiterated Bucharest's familiar position on the need for unity of all progressive forces--Communists, Socialists, and the Armed Forces Movement.

Andrei very likely made a renewed effort to gain Lisbon's approval for a visit by Ceausescu (*Staff Notes*, August 28). The Romanian leader probably believes that by injecting himself in such sensitive disputes, he will enhance his prestige at home and bolster Romania's independent foreign policy stance.

Ceausescu had wanted to stop over in Lisbon either before or after his visit to Canada on October 8-11. The Portuguese have probably been trying to put off the visit, and latest reports suggest that Ceausescu will not arrive before late October.

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